

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 10 have been amended. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over JP Publication No. 2000-106657 to Shigeru Kono et al. (hereafter, “Kono et al.”) in view of Applicant’s Admitted Prior Art as shown in FIG. 10.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Kono et al. discloses a television/radio receiving apparatus in which the sounds of a television broadcast are received by a radio broadcasting receiving means and are automatically listened to by a user as he watches the picture, whenever “information in an information storage means shows the same contents of travel television and radio programs.” FIG. 1 shows an AM/FM receiver 8 and a television receiver 1, in which sound selector 18 chooses either TV sound signal a, FM sound signal b, or AM sound signal c. No other selector is shown.

In Kono et al., link data indicates that a television program and a radio program broadcast the same contents, and is transmitted in a state multiplexed on a television broadcasting signal (see paragraph [0042] of Kono et al.). Thus, Kono et al. fails to teach, mention or suggest that the link data can be selected independently of the television broadcasting signal, as in the present invention. Accordingly, claims 1 and 10 have been amended to recite this feature. Furthermore, Kono et al. fails to include any element corresponding to the third selector of the present invention.

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Thus, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-9 and 11-15 have been allowed.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-15, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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